

REMARKS

Claims 26 and 27 are pending in the present application. Claims 26 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by USPN 6,212,368 to Ramesh ("Ramesh"). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 26 and 27 in view of the following remarks.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because Ramesh does not disclose, teach, or suggest each and every element/step of the claimed invention.

With regard to claim 26, Ramesh does not disclose, teach, or suggest a method for wireless communications, comprising the steps of: (a) generating a list of base stations within range of a wireless communications device for a first antenna and a second antenna of the wireless communications device; (c) if the monitored reception characteristic becomes poor, then testing reception characteristics between the first antenna and the base stations on the list and between the second antenna and the base stations on the list; and (d) if the tested reception characteristic of a particular antenna and a particular base station is better than the monitored reception characteristic, then coupling the receiver module to the particular antenna and coupling wirelessly the wireless communications device to the particular base station.

With regard to claim 27, Ramesh does not disclose, teach, or suggest a method for wireless communications, comprising the steps of: (a) generating a list of base stations within range of a wireless communications device for a first antenna and a second antenna of the wireless communications device; (c) if the monitored transmission characteristic becomes poor, then testing transmission characteristics between the first antenna and at least one of the base stations on the list and between the second antenna and at least one of the base stations on the list; and (d) if the tested transmission characteristic of a particular antenna and a particular base station is better than the monitored transmission characteristic, then coupling the transmitter module to the particular antenna and coupling wirelessly the wireless communications device to the particular base station.

The present office action indicates that generating a list of base stations within range of a wireless communications device for a first antenna and a second antenna of the wireless communications device is inherent, and seems to imply that the additional

steps (c) and (d) of claims 26 and 27 are met because of the alleged inherent generation of a list of base stations and the two antennas disclosed in Ramesh.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. If the claimed steps are inherent, then the prior art should be replete with references showing these steps, and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to cite such references.

Ramesh clearly discloses a single base station 410 (See FIG. 4 and the specification throughout), not multiple base stations nor generating a list of base stations as claimed in step a. Further, the two-antenna disclosure in Ramesh does not disclose, teach, or suggest additional steps c and d of claims 26 and 27. Thus, Ramesh does not disclose, teach, or suggest multiple base stations, generating a list of base stations within range of a wireless communications device for a first antenna and a second antenna of the wireless communications device, if the monitored reception/transmission characteristic becomes poor, then testing reception/transmission characteristics between the first antenna and the base stations on the list and between the second antenna and the base stations on the list, nor if the tested reception/transmission characteristic of a particular antenna and a particular base station is better than the monitored reception/transmission characteristic, then coupling the receiver/transmitter module to the particular antenna and coupling wirelessly the wireless communications device to the particular base station.

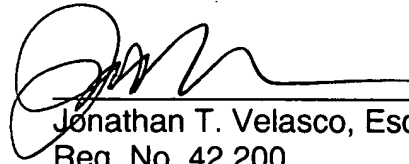
Accordingly, Ramesh does not disclose, teach, or suggest each and every element/step of claims 26 and 27, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For all the foregoing reasons, allowance of claims 26 and 27 pending in the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted;

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